

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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This two story ashlar building occupies the corner (southeast) of Madison and Howard Streets. Although it utilizes certain Italianate elements (especially from the Baroque), it could only be described safely as late nineteenth century American Eclectic. The building is broken into three sections: the chamfered middle section facing the corner of the Howard/Madison intersection, which consists of one bay with the clock tower atop it; and the Howard Street side and the Madison Street side, both divided into four bays.

On the Howard Street side, the first story window grouping in each bay runs, fom left to right, 1-1-3, while the second story runs 2-1-2-3. First story windows are grated with flat-arched, splayed lintels. A slightly projecting string course which extends around the building serves as a sill. The three southernmost windows are within a bowed portion of the facade which rises the height of the building. Between the two northernmost windows is the main entrance, which consists of double doors surmounted by a flat-arched tympanum divided into eighteen panels. Surrounding this is a classical "portico", comprised of two unfluted, Doriccapped columns supporting an entablature bearing the name of the bank. The entablature is topped by a cornice. Two small grated, rectangular recesses--probably windows originally -- flank the columns midway between the latter's bases and capitals. A meander-decorated belt course appears at the level of the entablature's cornice, and extends around the building.

All second story windows are double hung, one-over-one. On the Howard Street side beginning at the northern end, the first and third bays contain paired windows in shallow, flat-arched recesses; the second bay contains one window; and the fourth bay (three windows) is contained in the aforementioned bowed section. Each of the paired windows of bays one and three are set in keystoned, stilted round arches supported by three flat pilasters. These windows share a common sill.

Above the thin, moulded belt course which appears above the second story windows, is a dentil course, which is directly beneath the roof cornice. A parapet tops the cornice; its recessed areas conform to the size of the bays below.

The Madison Street side of the building differs in fenestration: both stories are arranged 1-2-3-2 (the first story's easternmost bay is a round-arched doorway). First story windows have the same grating and lintels as those on the other side; second story windows are paired and round-arched in the second and fourth bays, flat-arched in the first and third bays. The third bay is

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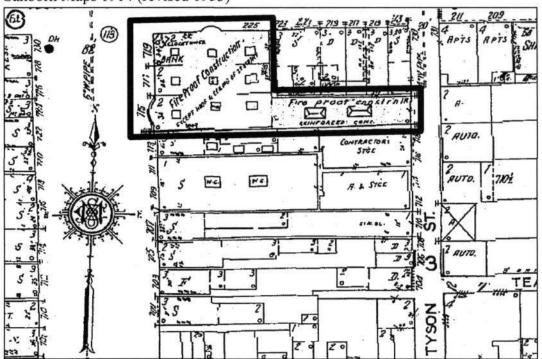
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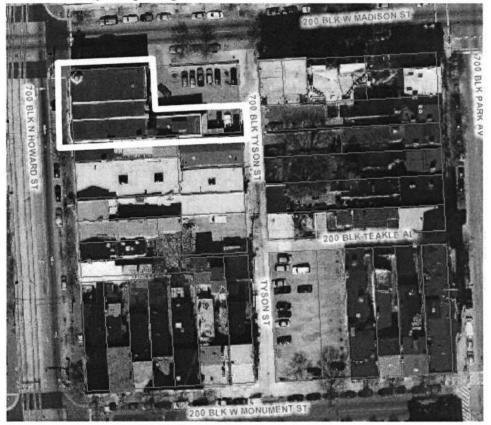
bowed in both stories and, as on the other side of the building, it contains three windows.

The middle section's one bay has one-over-one, double hung windows in flat arches on both stories. (The first story window is grated and partially concealed by a sign). Above the parapet is the clock tower. The clocks are set into the northeast, northwest, and soutwest faces of a small rectilinear column. The column has an entablature and cornice; the cornice projects at each corner. These projectures are supported by unfluted, Corinthian-capped columns. A hemispheric dome is located atop the tower. Swags and moulding around the clocks adorn the faces of the tower.

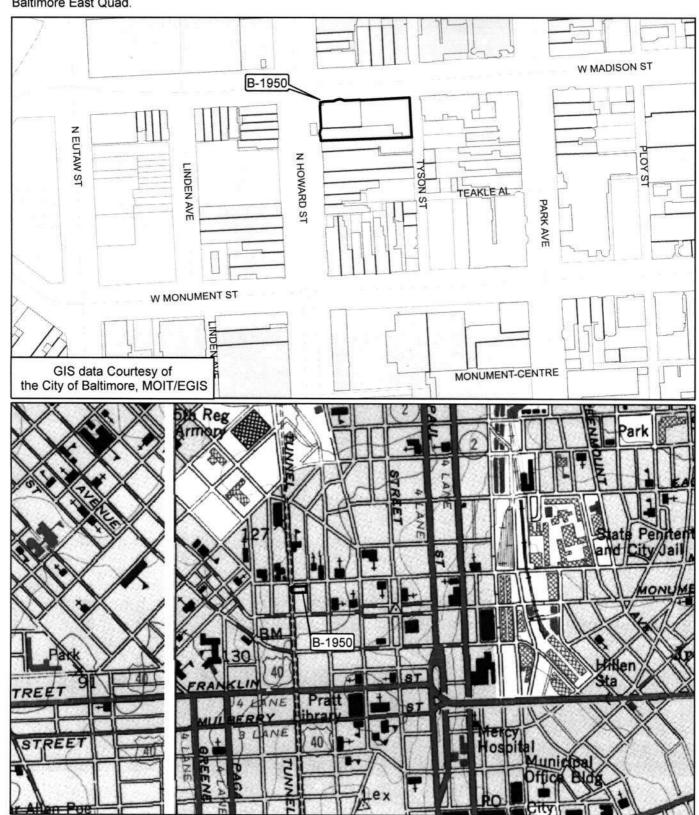
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